

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1480

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2007

Mrs. CLINTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Gold Star Parents An-

5       nuity Act of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS.**

7       (a) SPECIAL PENSION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 15 of title 38,  
2       United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
3       end the following new subchapter:

4       “SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD  
5                               STAR PARENTS

6       “§ 1571. **Gold Star parents**

7           “(a) The Secretary shall pay monthly to each person  
8       who has received a gold star lapel button under section  
9       1126 of title 10 as a parent of a person who died in a  
10      manner described in subsection (a) of that section a spe-  
11      cial pension in an amount determined under subsection  
12      (b).

13          “(b) The amount of special pension payable under  
14      this section with respect to the death of any person shall  
15      be \$125 per month. In any case in which there is more  
16      than one parent eligible for special pension under this sec-  
17      tion with respect to the death of a person, the Secretary  
18      shall divide the payment equally among those eligible par-  
19      ents.

20          “(c) The receipt of special pension under this section  
21      shall not deprive any person of any other pension or other  
22      benefit, right, or privilege to which such person is or may  
23      hereafter be entitled under any existing or subsequent law.  
24      Special pension under this section shall be paid in addition  
25      to all other payments under laws of the United States.

1       “(d) Special pension under this section shall not be  
 2 subject to any attachment, execution, levy, tax lien, or de-  
 3 tention under any process whatsoever.

4       “(e) For purposes of this section, the term ‘parent’  
 5 has the meaning provided in section 1126(d)(2) of title  
 6 10.”.

7               (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 8 tions at the beginning of chapter 15 of such title is  
 9 amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS

“1571. Gold Star parents.”.

10       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1571 of title 38,  
 11 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take  
 12 effect on October 1, 2007.

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